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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Dayton, Ohio

Docket No. 9168.00

Application of

SEP 23 2004

**Stewart B. Kelland**

Serial No. 09/911,664

Group Art Unit: 2625

Filed: July 24, 2001

Examiner: Barry Choobin

For: **METHOD OF PROCESSING ITEMS IN A CHECK  
PROCESSING SYSTEM AND AN APPARATUS THEREFOR**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, please amend the above-named application as follows: